IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

- 6. The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the information to be entered is entered by means of irradiation with infrared light.
- 7. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the information to be entered is entered by means of a focused write beam (3).
- 8. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the information to be entered is entered over a large area, using a mask.
- 9. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein highly polarizable molecules are used as atoms and/or molecules that change the refractive index.
- 11. The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein aromatic molecules are used as highly polarizable molecules.
- 12. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein slightly polarizable molecules are used as atoms and/or molecules that change the refractive index.

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- 15. The data storage medium as claimed in claim 13, wherein the atoms and/or molecules that change the refractive index comprise highly polarizable molecules.
- 17. The data storage medium as claimed in claim 15, wherein the highly polarizable molecules comprise aromatic molecules.
- 18. The data storage medium as claimed in claim 13, wherein the atoms and/or molecules that change the refractive index comprise slightly polarizable molecules.



- 19. The data storage medium as claimed in claim 14 in connection with claim 14, wherein the layer (2) is assigned an absorber which is set up to absorb a write beam, at least partially, and to locally discharge the heat produced thereby at least partially to the layer (2) and/or the polymer carrier (1).
 - 20. The data storage medium as claimed in claim 13, wherein the information medium has a plurality of polymer carrier plies (10), through which information units can be read from a preselected polymer carrier ply (10) and, if appropriate, can be written to a preselected polymer carrier ply (10).



23. The data storage medium as claimed in claim 13, wherein the polymer carrier comprises a polymer film (11).